

Cox Newsletter

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Short Wave License and Time in Cotonou

As many of you are aware, Paul was in Cotonou mid June for meetings with government officials concerning a number of administrative tasks (see the administrative tasks to do list). A very heart-felt thank you goes to all who prayed for these meetings. These meetings went very well (as those of you who read the blog already know). In a meeting with the authorities responsible for the short wave license, TWR was assured that they are still processing our requests and we need to continue to be patient.

Patience has a whole new meaning here in Benin.

In a meeting concerning our title deed for the transmitting site, an impromptu visit was suggested to another government office. This impromptu visit led to a truly wonderful and providential meeting with the director of this office. The Lord blessed this meeting and at the end we were able to pray with the director of this office. In addition, during the meeting he actually called in the person responsible for our issues and instructed her to resolve them.



Paul's Administrative To Do List (i.e. Pray!)	
Item	Status
Short Wave License	Waiting on response from government authorities. Some concerns exist to the details of the license to ensure needed flexibility for short wave broadcasts.
Title Deed for Broadcasting Site	Really, really close to being finished. It is at the last step in the process. Perhaps by the time you read this it will be finished.
NGO Status for TWR in Benin	TWR is preparing an extensive financial report of activities for the last three years. Once this is complete it will be submitted. Lord willing, the authorities will decide to grant NGO status after reviewing this report.
Title Deed for Parakou Housing/ Office Site	This process is in the beginning stages of a long process, nine months minimum. Right now we are waiting on official notifications to be made public so we can proceed to the next stage.

Installing Satellite Downlinks in Burkina Faso

Did you know that TWR has two audio channels delivered via satellite in Africa? This not only gives cable TV listeners the chance to hear God's Word but this is a great opportunity for local FM radio stations to capture and broadcast TWR programs proclaiming the good news of the gospel.

During the first two weeks of May, the technicians from the transmitting station in Benin and Paul were in Burkina Faso. A team from Canada gave training to the technicians from Benin and to some local technicians on how to install satellite downlinks so radio stations in Burkina Faso can broadcast TWR programs. During this two week trip a total of seven satellite downlinks were installed, with most of the installations being done by the trainees. It was very exciting to see these technicians receive and apply this training.

Comings and Goings

As we reflect over the last three months we think about the many trips to Cotonou that our car has made as well as the many people we have had in and out of our home. It has been busy but also a huge blessing. Chris and Christine Grabowski, long time friends, came for almost two weeks. They brought many bags filled with everything from transmitter parts to M&M's. Thank you to the many of you that sent things with them. They are greatly appreciated! Chris worked most of the time at the transmitter site while Christine helped Donna with school and all that goes on at the home front.

Next we had Dave and Patti Olsen come for a month along with Matt Willy who is with us for three months. Dave and Matt spent most of their time at the transmitting site while Patti split her time between the site and teaching special classes at the school. We also had two fellow workers from South Africa come to shoot video and pictures of the work here in Benin. We are really looking forward to our Nephew Bradley coming in a few weeks.

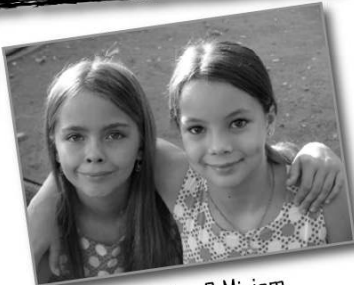
As if that was not enough, Paul has been to South Africa and then to Cotonou many times over the last few months. The family joined him on a couple of these 7-hour, crazily bumpy journeys. One such journey was to join a group of missionaries at the beach for three wonderful days before saying a sad good bye to the Stahl family (close friends, neighbors and SIM missionaries) as they left for a yearlong home assignment. This is part of our life here. It seems like we are constantly making new friends and then saying good-bye. Not always an easy thing especially for our kids.



Micah Joy has been accepted and is going to RVA in August!



Nehemiah & RVA
Pine Derby Award



Micah Joy & Miriam

RVA Corner

RVA (Rift Valley Academy in Kijabe, Kenya is where Micah will attend school)

I want to go to RVA because I was getting a bit restless here in Benin, there was nothing to do. I was supposed to go to RVA in seventh grade, but I asked to go to RVA in sixth grade. My mom and dad prayed and talked about it. God hasn't closed the door for it so I get to go.

I am looking forward to all the books, dogs (that various teachers and administrators own), a real classroom and other kids my age. I would like for you to pray about my leaving Benin. I would also like for you to pray about packing and traveling to RVA.

Micah Joy Cox

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Praises

Good meetings in Cotonou
Installations of 7 satellite downlinks in Burkina Faso
All the people who have come and gone

Prayer Requests

Administrative to do list
Micah Joy starting RVA
Future comings and goings

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